GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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Maintenance of NHs in Tamil Nadu
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has allocated funds for the expansion and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the country including Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to provide amenities like Hotels, Shopping Centres, food courts, accident recovery centres along the National Highways; and

(d) the funds allocated for the same during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (d) State/ Union Territory (UT)−wise details of funds allocated for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) during the last three years and current year, including the funds allocated for the State of Tamil Nadu, are annexed.

No separate funds are allocated for declaration of State Roads as new NHs/ expansion of NH network.

Facilities such as restaurant/food court, low cost dhaba, telephone booth/ Automated Teller Machine (ATM), fuel station & minor repair shop, toilets, rest rooms for short-stay, kiosk for sale of miscellaneous sundry items, etc. are available for commuters on NHs.

Government intends to provide facilities such as separate parking for cars, buses and trucks, restaurant/food court, low cost dhaba, telephone booth/ATM, fuel station & minor repair shop, rest rooms for short-stay, clean toilets, landscaping, kiosk for sale of miscellaneous sundry items, space for spreading Government welfare programme in a systematic and planned manner by setting up user-friendly wayside amenities along NHs. Wayside amenities now form part of major highway improvement projects. Beside, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has identified nearly 183 sites for setting up such facilities; out of these, land for 63 sites is available with NHAI and bids for 16 sites have been invited with due date of receipt in August, 2017 and bids for remaining sites are being invited shortly. A Project Management Consultant (PMC) has been appointed to assist in overall implementation of the project and to engage specialized firms for developing and operating these facilities. Further, Ministry grants access permission to the retail outlets located along the NHs. As per the licence agreement signed as part of granting such access permission, it is mandatory for retail outlets to provide toilet and drinking water facilities to the users.

No separate funds are allocated for providing such way side amenities, etc., on NHs.

The Ministry is implementing a National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS) under which ambulances and cranes are provided to the State Governments to take the accidents' victims to the nearest hospital and to evacuate the damaged vehicles from the road accidents' site on the NHs. NHAI also provides ambulances at every toll plaza on the completed corridor of NHs.

The State-wise details of the funds transferred by the Ministry for procurement of cranes/ ambulances during 2015-16 and 2016-17 were as follows:-

(Amount in Rs.)

Sl. No.	States	2015-16	2016-17	Remarks
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	13,46,40,000/-	--	For basic life support ambulances
2.	Sikkim	3,06,90,000/-	--	
3.	Mizoram	49,50,000/-	4,11,260/-	
4.	Andhra Pradesh	--	1,89,00,000/-	For Cranes

No such funds were released to the States during 2014-15.